(e) the facilities being provided to each State through 'EOUSAT'; and

(f) whether schools would be provided with any amount for providing the facility of'EDUSAT'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD.ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a)and(b) Increase in the number of students at the secondary level would depend, *inter alia,* on the degree of success of programme like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

(c) and (d) There is no centrally sponsored scheme for setting up new secondary schools, nor has any decision been taken in this regard.

(e) and (f) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) would provide one hub, Studio and ten Satellite Interactive Terminals (SITs) to each of the States and 50 SITs to the North-Eastern States and the Jammu & Kashmir, free of charge.

Utilization of Education Cess

†1248. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount received so far from the education cess by Government;

the educational programmes for which the cess amount would be utilized;

whether the States having literacy rate below the national average would be provided with special assistance from this amount;

the amount that has been provided to Madhya Pradesh out of the sum recovered from education cess; and

the justification for keeping the ratio for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan 75:25 and whether keeping in view the shortfall of the resources in the backward States, Government would decrease the share of Madhya Pradesh from 25 per cent to 15 percent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD.ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (d) According to the Receipts Budget 2005-06, estimated receipts from the Education Cess are as follows:

RE 2004-05	Rs. 5010 crores.
BE 2005-06	Rs. 6975 crores.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The proceeds of the Cess are to be utilized exclusively for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the Mid-Day Meal Scheme. All States and UTs have been covered under these schemes.

Fund released to Madhya Pradesh for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day-Meal Scheme in 2004-05 and 2005-06 are as indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	SSA	MDM (for cooking cost)
2004-05	49608.92	13258.92
2005-06	77173.12	10901.00

(e) The present sharing arrangement between Centre and States under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is in the ratio of 75:25.

State contribution for Mid Day Meal Scheme

1249. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether the State Governments are making additional contributions to make the Mid-Day Meal Scheme a success;

whether the contribution includes the additional financial contribution; and

the details of the additional financial or other contributions, being made at present by the State Governments, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) As per available information, 22 States are making additional financial contribution towards cooking cost under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme. Amount being expended, per child per school day, by these States over and above the Central assistance for meeting cooking cost @ Re. 1 per child per school day, is given in the enclosed statement.